

To: Benefit Design Committee

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Subject: Draft Report on the Characteristics of the Uninsured in St. Clair County

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The purpose of this draft report is to provide Committee members with an overview of the size and characteristics of the uninsured population in St. Clair County. The report, when finalized, will help inform the decisions made by the Committee as it designs its subsidized small employer health insurance program.

As we meet with Committee members over the coming weeks, we will finalize the report by incorporating the input of Committee members on several issues. Specifically:

- Is the data presented in this draft report consistent with your perception of the uninsured population in St. Clair County? Are there any aspects of the data that are surprising?
- Given that the data is largely drawn from the 2000 Census, has the picture changed over the last 2+ years? If so, how?
- Are Committee members aware of any recent surveys or studies specific to St. Clair County that would help inform the Committee's decision-making (e.g., have any local business or economic development groups conducted surveys regarding business attitudes toward health insurance/barriers to health insurance)?

If you have any questions regarding the draft report, please contact us at (312) 641-5007.